

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's family caregivers provide countless hours of unpaid care to chronically ill, disabled, and elderly family members each year, enabling loved ones to remain in their homes where they can stay active, participate more fully in the community, and maintain quality of life; and

WHEREAS, families have always provided most of the long-term care for older adults in the Palmetto State, with nearly one out of every five South Carolinians providing regular care or assistance to a friend or family member over 60 years of age; and

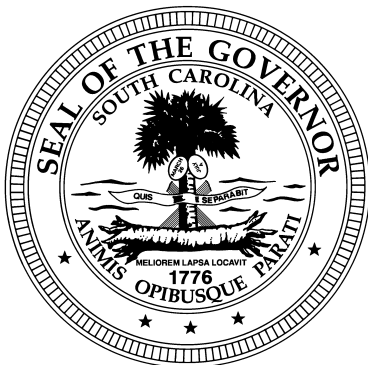
WHEREAS, family caregivers provide care at great cost to their own physical, financial, and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, Family Caregiver Month honors the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of life in South Carolina, while raising awareness of the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize, support, and celebrate the valuable role family caregivers across the Palmetto State play in the lives of our residents.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA